Playground Maintenance Checklist

Instructions: Check the entire playground at least once each month. Train all personnel to be alert to playground hazards and report them promptly. Avoid the use of hazardous equipment until repaired.	Date Checked	Repair Needed	Date Repaired
 Is there and 8 to 10 inch deep resilient ground cover (sand, pea gravel or shredded wood) under all swings, merry-go-rounds, slides, climbing equipment? Is the resilient surface compacted or out of place? If concrete or asphalt is under equipment, is the manufactured impact attenuation product in place Do foreign objects or obstructions exist in the fall zones under and around the fixed equipment? Do obstructions interfere with normal play activity? Do climbing areas allow children to fall more than their reaching height when standing erect? Do concrete supports stick above ground? Are they secure? 			
6. Are there sharp edges, broken parts, pinching actions or loose bolts?7. Are there openings that could trap a child's hand?			
8. Are there frayed cables, worn ropes, open hooks or chains that could pinch?10. Are portable toys such as tricycles and wagons in good repair?			
11. Are there protrusions that can catch clothing?			
12. Are there crush points or shearing actions such as hinges or seesaws and undercarriages of revolving equipment?			
13. Are swing seats excessively heavy? Do they have protruding parts such as animal noses or legs?			
14. Is the fence at least 4 feet high and in good repair? Can gates be secured?			
15. Are there electrical hazards on the playground such as accessible air conditioners, switch boxes, or power lines?16. Are collections of contaminated water on the playground?			
17. Are toxic materials on the playground?			
18. Do grass, trees, and shrubs need care?			
19. Do children wear inappropriate clothing such as capes on climbing equipment and moving equipment?			
20. Does the adult-to-child supervision ratio equal ratios required for indoor activity?			